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## **REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP ELECTION GUIDE**

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## LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Republican Conference will elect its Leadership for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. **The following are potential candidates for each office:**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
Minority Leader:	Joe Barton (TX)* John Boehner (OH) Mike Pence (IN)*	Energy & Commerce Cmte Chairman Majority Leader RSC Chairman
Minority Whip:	Roy Blunt (MO) John Shadegg (AZ)**	Majority Whip
(Note: The elected Whip appoints the Chief Deputy Whip; it is not an elected position)		
Conference Chair:	Marsha Blackburn (TX)* Jack Kingston (GA)* Dan Lungren (CA)* Adam Putnam (FL)	Conference Vice-Chairman Homeland Security Sub-Cmte Chairman Policy Committee Chairman
Conference Vice-Chair:	Kay Granger (TX) Steve Pearce (NM)*	
Policy Committee:	Darrell Issa (CA)* Thaddeus McCotter (MI)	
Conference Secretary:	John Carter (TX)*	
NRCC Chairman	Tom Cole (OK)* Phil English (PA) Pete Sessions (TX)*	

<p>* RSC Member ** Former RSC Chairman and Current RSC Member</p>
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## FRESHMAN ELECTED POSITIONS

The Freshman Class also elects officers, including:

**Class President** – Generally organizes class meetings, events, and projects.

**Class Vice-President** – Works with the class president

**Leadership Representative** – Represents the Freshman Class to the Leadership, including attending the bi-weekly Unelected Leadership meetings

**Steering Committee Representative** – Represents the Freshman Class on the Steering Committee (which makes recommendations to the Conference on Committee Chairman and Committee assignments)

**Policy Committee Representative** – Represents the Freshman Class on the Policy Committee

Attached is information compiled from Project Vote Smart, which details the ratings awarded by various interest groups to the candidates for Minority Leader, Minority Whip, and Conference Chairman that you might find helpful in evaluating each candidate. A one-page summary of the following statistics is provided at the end of the Guide.



**Representative Joe Barton, Texas-06**  
**Candidate for Minority Leader**

Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 92%

Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 67%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 76%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 69%

Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 25%

2005: AFL-CIO – 14%

Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 91%

2005: Family Research Council – 75%

Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 92%



## **Representative John Boehner, Ohio-08**

### **Candidate for Minority Leader**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 88%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 100%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 73%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 65%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 20%

2005: AFL-CIO – 13%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 91%

2005: Family Research Council – 92%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 100%



## **Representative Mike Pence, Indiana-06**

### **Candidate for Minority Leader**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 92%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 94%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 75%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 0%

2005: AFL-CIO – 13%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 100%

2005: Family Research Council – 100%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 100%



## **Representative Roy Blunt, Missouri-07**

### **Candidate for Minority Whip**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 93%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 88%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 79%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 59%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 25%

2005: AFL-CIO – 14%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 92%

2005: Family Research Council – 100%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 96%



## **Representative John Shadegg, Arizona-03**

### **Candidate for Minority Whip**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 81%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 88%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 94%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 79%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 50%

2005: AFL-CIO – 8%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 100%

2005: Family Research Council – 92%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 100%



## **Representative Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee-07**

### **Candidate for Conference Chairman**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 89%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 88%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 74%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 0%

2005: AFL-CIO – 13%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 100%

2005: Family Research Council – 100%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 100%



## **Representative Jack Kingston, GA-01**

### **Candidate for Conference Chairman**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 92%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 78%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 61%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 0%

2005: AFL-CIO – 15%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 92%

2005: Family Research Council – 77%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 88%



## **Representative Dan Lungren, California-03**

### **Candidate for Conference Chairman**

#### Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 93%

#### Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

#### Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 79%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 63%

#### Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 0%

2005: AFL-CIO – 13%

#### Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade C+

#### Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – NA

2005: Family Research Council – 92%

#### Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 92%



## **Representative Adam Putnam, Florida-12**

### **Candidate for Conference Chairman**

Ratings from business groups:

2005-06: National Federation of Independent Business – 100%

2005: U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 85%

Ratings from life/abortion groups:

2005-06: National Right to Life Committee – 100%

2006: Planned Parenthood – 0%

Ratings from tax groups:

2005: Americans for Tax Reform – 96%

2005: Citizens Against Government Waste – 71%

2005: National Taxpayers Union – 57%

Ratings from unions:

2003-04: National Education Association – 25%

2005: AFL-CIO – 13%

Ratings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups:

2006: National Rifle Association – grade A

Ratings from family groups:

2004: Christian Coalition – 100%

2005: Family Research Council – 100%

Other groups:

2005: American Conservative Union – 92%